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SUBJECT: MORE HIGH LEVEL DIPLOMATIC/MILITARY VISITS

REF: A) SANTIAGO 2230; B) QUITO 2419

1. CHILE IS WELL REPRESENTED IN THE CURRENT ROUND OF HIGH-LEVEL DIPLOMATIC/MILITARY VISITS IN THIS REGION. JORGE SALVADOR LARA FOREIGN MINISTER OF ECUADOR, ARRIVED IN SANTIAGO APRIL 16, WHILE NAVY CINC AND JUNTA MEMBER ADMIRAL JOSE TORIBIO MERINO CASTRO AND AIR FORCE CINC AND JUNTA MEMBER GENERAL GUSTAVO LEIGH LEFT CHILE FOR PERU AND ARGENTINA, RESPECTIVELY, FOR OFFICIAL VISITS.

2. JUDGING FROM THE ATTENDANT PUBLICITY, THE ECUADOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT SEEMS DESIGNED TO MEND FENCES HERE AS IN OTHER SOUTHERN CONE COUNTRIES. THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAD EVIDENTLY TAKEN TO HEART COMMENTS MADE BY AMBASSADOR BLOOMFIELD IN ECUADOR (QUITO 2419). ON ARRIVAL IN SANTIAGO HE HAD WARM WORDS FOR CURRENT U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY -- STATING THAT QUOTE: THERE IS A
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BASIC POINT OF COINCIDENCE IN THE POLICY OF PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE HISPANO-AMERICAN CONCEPT OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND IN ITS FOUNDATION IN THE CHRISTIAN ETHIC, WHICH IS COMMON TO US ALL , THUS, (THIS POLICY) IS WORTHY OF FULL ATTENTION AND CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE.

3. AS INDICATED IN REFTTEL A, ADMIRAL MERINO'S VISIT

TO PERU IS ANOTHER IN THE TWO-WAY SERIES OF CONTACTS
DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN AN AMICABLE POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. GENERAL LEIGH'S VISIT TO
ARGENTINA SHOULD BE VIEWED IN ANOTHER CONTEXT. IN
RECENT JOURNEYS TO MONTEVIDEO AND ASUNCION, LEIGH HAS
CAMPAIGNED STRONGLY AGAINST "INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM",
AND HAS STRUCK A NOTE OF SOUTHERN CONE SOLIDARITY, PARTLY
IN RESPONSE TO GOC RESENTMENT AT WHAT IT HAS PER-
CEIVED AS UNWARRENTED PRESSURE FROM THE UNITED STATES.
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